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Dutch language at *Nagasaki* and represented by *Kogyû Yoshio* (1724—1800) who flourished during the second half of the 18th century.

In the conclusive part of this essay, the writer expresses his astonishment at the fact that such a superstitious drug as the *theriaka* could be so highly estimated and expanded among the peoples of Europe, Asia and Africa for nearly two thousand years, in spite of the amazing development of human knowledges and civilizations.

On the Origin and Establishment of the Civil Service Examination in Annan

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This article submits to show the origin and processes of the civil service examination in Annan. This article is inclined to agree with the current opinion that the system begins in 1075, but is contrary to the opinion that the system was the reestablishment of the Chinese system introduced to Annan in the *Tang* period. It is rather reasonable to state that the system is the imitation of the Chinese officialdom of the *Sung* dynasty.

It is interesting to examine the reason why the *Annan* government of the day took much time to adopt the well organized examination system of the *Sung* dynasty. In this we must take into account the fact that in the *Lý* and *Trần* dynasty the Buddhist influences interrupted the introduction of the system based on Confucianism. And besides it must be noted that in those times the *Annan* government had not yet established an well organized political machinery to receive such a highly developed examination system of the *Sung* dynasty.